## HELD TO-GRAND JURY William Catto, Charged With Firing the Pulnam House, Bound Over by Justice

### HISSES FROM THE AUDIENCE GREET THE DEGISION. ATTORNEYS GET BELLIGERANT. DRAMATIC CLIMAX.

Rowton.

Bullock Friday on a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

The preliminary examination of the Putnam House on the 20th of the grand jury in the sum of \$1,000. The decision was rendered on Friday merning at 10 o'clock. The exami-Thursday afternoon, and the balwas occupied by the attorneys in of the attorneys were all long, but o'clock Thursday night when the so if there was any money in it. o'clock Friday morning, to which hour the court adjourned.

Promptly at the hour of opening Friday morning the court room was packed with an audience composed largely of the representative business men of the city, as well as a the grand jury, and yet from the an- will be changed. We now have a xiety manifested by the spectators one not acquainted with the fact would have supposed that on the de- spector will use his nose and eyes, cision of the judge depended the life or death of the defendant. It was a moment of intense excitement.

When Justice Rowton rapped for order in the court it was plain to see that he had been subjected to a neryous strain and that he was not insensible to the responsibility of the position in which he was placed. When he unfolded a sheet of legal cap and began to read the prelude to his decision his hands fluttered as it has a rating which is not A. 1. the tremulous aspen. His decision occupied a page and a half of closely written manuscript, nine-tenths of which consisted of a preliminary "jolly" concerning the high charac-ter of the defendant and the reluctance, etc., and his painful duty etc., the whole terminating with a decision to hold the defendant to the action of the grand jury in the sum of fruit. The incorporators will be Jno.

Then some faint hisses came from the benches, with whispers of disapproval.

Major Alexander St. Clair-Abrams, council for the defendent, was the first to gather himself together, after which he got to his feet and in a highly dramatic flourish of the hand toward the sheriff cried out "She-rin your jail, we will not give bonds! Take him, Mr. Sheriff."

Then there were some threatening attitudes struck and hot words passed between Attorneys Haskell and St. Clair-Abrams, and the audience looked expectantly for a row, but nothing was struck but the attitudes. Mr. Haskell rebuked the audience for hissing and said some things which he now states would better have remained unsaid. Mr. St. Clair-Abrams quit the game with the statement that he was not unprepared for the decision, as he had been told on the street that morning what it would be, then waxing eloquently indignant and with a flourish of the arm he characterized the decision as "the most damnable outrage ever perpetrated on a white man in the state of Florida," at which remark there was a burst of applause from the audience and a

loud clapping of hands. Mr. Catto is now in the custody of the sheriff, but is treated with every courtesy. He has a room in the residence of the jailer, which he has furnished himself, and his meals are sent to him from a hotel. He has lots of callers and has held several levees. He could have furnished bonds for fifty times the amount required in five minutes, but his attorney has a purpose in making him do the martyr act.

The case has engendered much bitter feeling in the city between reputable business men and in the ranks of the fair sex. Why this should be it is not easy to understand. Mr. this examination. The opinion of one, not infallible judge, who held that the evidence (all circumstantial) was sufficient to warrant hold-come before it.

ing him for examination by the grand jury, leaves him in substantially the same position he occupied before this examination began. Grand juries don't often bite innocent men, and if they should the court usually heals the wound. nocent until he is proven guilty. And it will take some strong evidence to do that.

A writ of habeas corpus has been issued returnable before judge Hock er at the Court House Friday morn ing, when the whole case will probably be gone over again, and more, too, for subpoenss have issued for several additional witnesses.

Will Put on Some "Lugs."

under him expect to appear in new and gorgeous uniforms in a day or two, the same having been ordered clothes and prosperity go hand in The Case to Come Before Judge hand. Gilt and glitter are concomi- cream and sherbet were served. tant to authority. Who knows but that these new clothes are the forerunner of prosperity; the dawn of better days? There is one glory of William Catto, charged with firing the sun and another glory of the well-dressed policeman, while some January last, came to an end with policemen differ from others in the the decision of Justice Rowton to amount of radiance they shed-espehold the defendant to the action of cially in dry towns. Clothes don't make the man-they won't in these cases, anyway-but they add heaps to his dignity and give tone to his nation of witnesses was concluded strut. In some towns policemen, like regular army officers, are reance of that day and into the night quired to wear corsets, but the News understands Chief Hagan made such summing up the case. The speeches a hard kick at this idea that it was not incorporated in the regulation they were listened to with the closest | However, our policemen are all wellattention by an audience completely built men, in 1 while they do not filling the court room. It was after 10 travel on their shape they could do

speech making came to an end and In the meantime they will go right then Justice Rowton announced that on guarding our property, pinching he would render his decision at 10 our crap players, and gathering in o'clock Friday morning to which the overloaded. For these things we should all feel thankful and wish em joy of their new clothes.

#### Clean Up.

His little sanitary inspectorship starts in on his round of duty very large proportion of the ladies through the allyways of the city toprominent in society, all eager to day and will begin issuing notices to witness the last act in the three clean up. In former years the inday drama, upon the outcome of spector has reported cases of filth in which depended whether or not alleys and other violations of the there would be a future engagement, sanitary ordinance to the council, It was to be but the finale in a pre- and as "what is everybody's business liminary examination held to deter- is nebody's business," little if any mine whether or not Mr. Catto attention was paid to its enforceshould be held for investigation by ment. This year, however, all this municipal judge to look after an enforcement of the ordinance. The inserve notices where he finds it necessary, and when people show a dispobring cases to the attention of Judge

### New Putnam Co. Company.

San Mateo Fruit Co. is 000, for the purpose of acquiring and A. Crosby of San Mateo, T. B. Merrill, cashier of the Putnam National Bank, and S. J. Kennerly, president

of the Kennerly Hardware Company. The company has secured about 16 acres of rich hammock land at San Mateo, fronting on the St. Johns river, with wharf, packing houses and an orange shed covering 350 trees, and altogether about 1,000 orange and i-ff, take your prisoner; lock him up grape fruit trees that are in bearing, and which it is estimated will easily bring to the company over a \$1,000 this fall. The plan is to plant trees and protect them by sheds in number not less than from 2,700 to 3,000.

Considerable stock has already been subscribed in this city.

Big Business. James W. Smith of this city is dowill celebrate the completion of his Germania Life Insurance Company, paid-up insurance and the horrors of party he last saw in his dreams and before the shades of evening fall it's support. dollars to soda biscuit he has that his intelligent and persistent plugging. His year's work would be a remarkably fine showing for any agent in the state

Democratic Committee Meeting Chairman Joseph Price has issued ic executive committee of Putnam of the democratic executive commitcounty to be held at the court house tee of the county. in this city on Saturday, May 10th, at Catto's rights have not suffered by this examination. The opinion of this examination. The opinion of the committee is called to-

Said to be a Fine Lawver.

Attorney Neil M. Alired of Ocala has an honest ambition to be the next state attorney for the Fifth Judicial circuit which includes Putnam county, and he is out with such annonncement in another column of Neither has the examination changed this paper. Those who know Mr. public sentiment. Public sentiment Allred state that he is a conscienin this case will regard Mr. Catto in- jous lawyer, a man of fine abilities. and that he would be a credit to the circuit in the responsible position to which he aspires. He asks the sup port of democratic voters.

#### The Maidens' Reception.

The Knocker Maidens' reception a the K. A. C. hall last night was one of the prettiest social events witnessed in Palatka in a long time. The hall was most beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, the work of the young ladies. The re Chief Hagan and the policemen ceiving ladies were Misses Price, Baker and Ackerman, assisted by Messrs, Con. Marvin, J. H. Fry and through Fearnside & Company. Good G C. Estes for the Knockers. Refreshments, consisting of cake, ice Dancing lasted until 12 o'clock.

Flowers for Dead Heroes. Patton Anderson Chapter, U. D. C. with the Ladies Memorial Association, the Veterans of Blue and Gray and a large number of school children met at Mrs Grav's last Saturday and from there marched to West View cemetery, where services were held in memory of the dead soldiers. visit to his home folks. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Honiker, appropriate addresses were delivered Judge J. N. Blackwell and Dr. W. H. Cyrus, after which the ladies essisted by the school children decorated the graves of both the Confedrate and Federal soldiers.

#### Some New Books.

The Library Association announce the arrival of some new books which are now ready for the public. These books have been purchased, and it is mond, returning home that evening. the purpose of the association to make them pay for themselves, and will be charged for their reading. After the books have been paid for they will go into free circulation. The list comprises the following books:

"The Hound of the Baskerville," by A. Conan Doyle; "The Fighting Bishop," by Herbert M. Hopkins; "The Dark O' the Moon," by S. R. Crocket; "Budrey." by Mary Johnson: "The Siege of Lady Resolute." by Harris Dickson; "Held for Orders," by Frank H. Spearman; "Prince of Good Fellows," by Robt.

#### Proud of Their Age.

Pioneer Lodge of Odd Fellows of this city celebrated the 83d anniversary of the founding of Odd Fellowship at its hall last Tuesday evening, and there was a large attendance of sition to ignore such notices, he will the members with invited friends. Mr. T. V. Hinks of Satsuma, the re-Haskell, who can be relied upon to tiring head of the order in Florida, was present and made an address. Let every citizen of Palatka give and Thos. W. Ralph and N.J. Tilghassistance to the sanitary inspector. man talked on Odd Fellowship and Let us get the town clean and keep its ambition to link mankind togethit clean. Palatka isn't the dirtiest er in Friendship, Love and Truth. town in the state by any means, but E. Geary furnished the wit and humor. There was also a spread of good things to eat, and all who were not Odd Fellows left with the notion that there was nothing particularly strange about those who were except, new firm of house and sign painters, by a rear door and struck a Nancy be incorporated under the laws of perhaps, the fact that they were all paper hangers and decorators who Hank's gait in an endeavor to esgood fellows with an ambition to make every one else the same.

### Out for the Legislature.

Dr. G. F. Sprague, one of the best known and highly esteemed citizens of the Fruitland peninsula, whose home is at Crescent City, is out in his week's News with the announcement of his candidacy for the office of representative in the legislature. It is doubtful if a more popular candidate could be found in that section of the county and the News predicts that the people of that section will support him almost to a man. It has been the custom in former years to select one candidate for the legislature from the peninsula end of the county. The custom had gotten to be one of the unwritten laws of the county democracy. But the last time, home. From what the News can and the visitors were defeated by a ing some lively fustling for life in- learn, however, there seems to be a close margin, the score being 10 to 7 surance these days. On June 1st be strong desire on the part of peninsu- in favor of the local team. la people to have a representative in first year as a special agent for the the legislature, and many have been urging the doctor to come out, realand he wants to quit with \$200,000 of izing that he is, under all the circumpaid-for business to his credit, and stances, their strongest candidate ne is going to do it. "Jimmie" sleeps and one on whom all can unite. with a rate book under his head and Other parts of the county have recdreams about reversionary dividends. ognized the reasonableness of the peninsula's request for a member of death coming to a man without the the legislature, and for the past sevcomforts of a life insurance legacy eral weeks on all hands have been for his wife and children. When he heard expressions of satisfaction at gets up he makes a hunch for the the probability of the doctor's announcement, together with offers of

Dr. G. F. Sprague has been the vilman's application. Mr. Smith is a lage doctor of Crescent City for over worker and bis remarkable success 21 years. He is a native of Arkansas, in his chosen field is due not only to and served through the war between the standing of his company but to the states as a surgeon in the Conwestern campaigns. He is a man of his duty. He has been elected mayor a call for a meeting of the Democrat-times, and has long been a member

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* City Happenings and Personal Mention.

B. J. Grooms visited Grandin C. Leslie Whipp, of Jacksonville,

vas in town Tuesday. The asphalt pavement on Lemon treet has been swept.

Mrs. Knight, of St. pent Sunday in the city.

Miss Parker, of Rolleston, was a shopper in the city Monday.

The steamer Crescent will reume its regular trips today.

L. A. Shorter, of St. Augustine, was here one day this week. This city has been the head center

of an army of potato buyers during

the past week. Miss Melissa Higgenbotham of Crescent City was a visitor in the

city yesterday. Miss Emma Ebert has returned from New York, after an absence of

everal months. The Misses Rolleston, of St. Augustine, were in the city Wednesday for a short visit.

Chas. Kupperbusch, jr., of Goodall. is in the city on brief visit to relaives and friends.

Ed. Usina, of Waycross, Ga., spent few days in town last week on

The DeLand and Palatka base ball clubs will get together at the ball park on Friday, May 9th.

William Marshall, one of Pomona's clever young men, was among the visitors in the city Monday.

Carpenters are at work on Mr. W. G. Tilghman's house on River street. An additional story is to be built.

Mrs. Pursley spent Sunday in the city with her mother, Mrs. La-

S. W. Peer, a prominent citizen of Satsuma Heights, was here on to this end a fee of two cents per day a short business visit one day last

Miss Theresa M. Rembert, of Drayon Island, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Palatka, the guest of Mrs. Bennett.

Howard Trueman, of Jacksonville. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Trueman, on the Heights one day James Greenwood, of Sisco.

in town last week The second district Congressional Committee will meet in Palatka next Thursday for the purpose of arrang-

our citizens by a visit of several days

ng for Congressional primaries. Miss Mae Rogero, after a week pleasantly spent in Jacksonville on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. George E. Mundee, returned home Tuesday

evening. James F. Brewer has purchased rom Capt. Meloy, the launch Wampus which has for the past season been in service in this port as a pleas-

Felix Ziy, of Shiloh, Fla., passed through the city last Thursday en route to his former home in Byon, Ky., at which place he will spend

Clark & Rankin is the name of a will cater to the needs of Palatka cape. The officers opened fire upon people in those lines.

Mrs. John Fisher, of, Jacksonville, ing his speed, when a by-stander, arrived in the city last Thursday, Mr. Harry Carman, ran the neand after a short stop, preceeded to gro down and captured him. The Peniel, where she will spend seve- following morning the prisoner was ral months visiting her parents, Mr. given a preliminary hearing before and Mrs. Drennan.

oards at the opera house two nights he was committed to jail to await last week, presenting "Ten Nights in a Barroom," and "Peck's Bad Boy." The comany was very good, but it drew small audiences.

Crescent City was represented Wednesday by several of its prominent citizens among whom were noticed Messrs. M. H. and K. M. White, Edwin Gilbert, Wm. C. Nortou, Thos. Hincheliff and E. N. Mauli.

The Nine Wonders of Palatka, and largely because of a multiplicity of the Fear-Nots of Sanford, two colorcandidates from that section, none ed base ball nines, played a game of were taken and all were left-at ball in this city Tuesday afternoon

Mrs. E. M. Flower, who has been visiting the family of Mr. R. R.
Brakeman for some time past, expects to leave Saturday for her home in North Madison, Obio. She will as in, Fruit of Loom Bleaching. 9c. 

It is a safe proposition and worthy of all acceptation that there won't be Big Lot Embroidery Remnants to sell any "monkey business" at the court house tomorrow while Judge Bullock presides, and if there be con tempt of court its author will not go down the steps with his head in the

WHOOPING COUGH, A woman who has had experience with this disease, telis how to prevent federate army, being engaged in the any dangerous consequences from it western compaigns. He is a man of She says: Our three children took western campaigns. He is a man of native force and ability; a strong character who could not be swerved from doing what he thought to be his duty. He has been elected mayor his duty. He has been elected mayor of Crescent City about 12 different times, and has long been a member of the democratic executive committee of the county.

The doctor is a strong anti-dispen
plumpness and came out in much better health than other children whose parents did not use this remedy. Our oldest little gir. would call justify for cough syrup between whoops.—Jassiz Pinezy Hall, Sprinville, Aia. This remedy is for sale by Ackerman & Stewart, druggists.

A Frat-Class Bookkeeper in Palat-ka, has time for a light set of books or other work of similar kind. Ad-dress Bookkeeper, care of the News.

Clerk Circuit Court, Putnam Co. Fiorida.

Mr. Luther Curtis of Crescent City has accepted a position in Ackerman & Sfewarts drug store. Mr. Curtis spent last winter in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy with Mr. Ramsauer. He is well known in society circles.

The game of base ball which was to have taken place at the park in this city Friday afternoon between the local nine and the DeLand team, the local nine and the DeLand team, has been postponed until one day next week, the exact date of which will be given later. The postponement gives the local fans a few more days of grace in which to practice and get in shape for the fray. This the News trusts they will do.

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In another column will be found the announcement of Mr. B. J. Grooms' candidacy for the office of County Trensurer. Mr. Grooms was born and raised in Palatka and is a business man of standing here. He has represented his word on the board of aldermen, and has been mayor of the city, hence the News could say nothing to add to his already high standing in this community. His record speaks for him better than any words we might say.

Cashier Merrill of the Putnam Na-

Cashier Merrill of the Putnam Na Cashier Merrill of the Putnam Na-tional Bank accompanied the junior base ball club to Crescent City last Saturday and was just as much of a boy as any of them. Mr. Merrill acted as manager for the club, and says he enjoyed the game. He also states that the treatment the boys received at the hands of the Crescent City nine was perfect, and that the lack of rowdyism and kicking would make the average Palatka spectator think he was in a new world.

There is a sample lot of new Irish octatoes in Fearnside's show window which were grown on the farm of John Dallow, a little northwest of John Dallow, a little northwest of this city. For size and quality they are equal to any potato raised on the round globe, and yet there are some men who have the idea that a Florida farm is of little account. Ten years ago the land about Hast-ings was classed as practically worthless. Today it is a thickly settied and prosperous section and land is held so high that only the wellto-de can reach it-and all on account of the Irish potato. Nearly \$200,000 will be divided among the potato farmers of Hastings within the next few weeks as a result of the sale of their potato crops.

Lehr & Williams' Comedy Company opened a week's engagement at Fry's opera house on Monday night, Tuesday night the beautiful comedy drama "A Wild Rose," was presented. and last night "Pug, or "Escapd from Sing Sing," proved a hit Tonight the play entitled "Reddy, the Mail Girl" will be put ou, at which time ladies accompanied by gentlemen will be admitted free. The Lehr & Williams organization was renewing acquaintanceship with is composed of some very clever artists in their line, and has the same reputation throughout Georgia and Alabama that the Spooner company has in Florida. Saturday afternoon a matinee will be given, commencing at 3 o'clock. The play is the 3-act comedy entitled, "The Precious Ba-Admission, children 10e; adults 20c. Sam Baker, a fast black of a rather

porty demeanor, arrived in town on a pleasure visit last week. But he came to grief by trying to pass a forged draft for \$250 on Palatka merchants, and is now occupying a free berth in the hotel de Putnam, where his wants will be attended to by the bailiff of that resort. Baker, alias Green, was stopping at a hash foundry on Lemon street, and when Sheriff Howell and Deputy Kennerly went to make the arrest Thursday evening, the darkey made his exit bim without effect, other than slack-Justice Rowton and bound over in The Reynold Comedy Co., held the the sum of \$500, in default of which the action of the circuit court.

### THE MOST COMMON AILMENT.

More people suffer from rheumatism More people suffer from rheumatism than from any other allment. This is wholly unnecessary too, for a cure may be effected at a very small cost. G. W. Wescott, of Meadowdale, N. Y., says: "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for some time and it has caused me much suffering. I concluded to try Chamberlain's Pain Baim and am pleased to say that it has cured me." For sale by Ackerman & Stewart, druggists.

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